

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF DURAND UNION  
STATION

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Durand Union Station as October 4, 2003 will mark its historic birthday. In the last century, Durand Union Station has survived fire, neglect, dilapidation, and even the wrecking ball. Over the years, the proud citizens of my district have banded together to restore and preserve this local treasure.

In 1903, construction began on Durand Union Station, at a cost of \$60,000 the rail depot was an architectural marvel. The Chateau Romanesque style depot was constructed of Missouri granite brick with an interior of oak woodwork and wainscoting of Tennessee marble. However, just eighteen months after its construction, fire tore through the boiler room of the station in April of 1905. Firefighters had the blaze contained until the Eastbound train forced the firefighters to pull their hoses back across the tracks and allow the train to pass. The fire of 1905 destroyed nearly all of Durand Union Station.

After being rebuilt, Durand Union Station served the people of Michigan until 1974. Unfortunately, the struggling railroad industry forced Grand Trunk Western Railroad to completely abandon the building in 1974. Consequently, Durand Union Station was stripped, gutted, vandalized and ready for demolition. But, state and local officials along with the citizens of Durand determined to restore the building were able to save Durand Union Station at the demolition zero hour.

Today, Durand Union Station has been preserved and restored by Durand Union Station, Inc., a nonprofit corporation founded to manage the historic building. The Michigan Legislature has designated Durand Union Station as the natural site for the Michigan Railroad History Museum and Information Center. Under the leadership of Durand Union Station Inc., the station is slated to undergo nearly \$4 million in improvements and expansion.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the one hundredth birthday of Durand Union Station. Over the past one hundred years, the station has become a monument to the American spirit. The people of Durand, Michigan have overcome numerous setbacks in their quest to preserve this wonderful Michigan landmark.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, September 4, I was unable to cast my vote on two recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 474—"yes," and rollcall vote No. 475—"yes."

REMEMBERING SERGIO VIEIRA DE  
MELLO

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on August 19, 2003, Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, lost a trusted envoy and the world lost a skilled peacemaker. Sergio Vieira de Mello was killed in the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad. Among his dying words was a plea that the United Nations mission there go on.

Sergio Vieira de Mello was a native of Brazil but a citizen of the world. From Bangladesh to Sudan to Cyprus, from Mozambique to Lebanon to Bosnia and Kosovo, to East Timor, and finally to Iraq, Mr. de Mello's resume reads like an atlas of some of the world's most troubled and dangerous places. It is also a list of accomplishment and achievement.

As the Secretary-General's special envoy to Iraq, on leave from his position as U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. de Mello saw his role as helping to return the governing of Iraq to the hands of its people.

At his funeral, Secretary-General Annan bade Mr. de Mello a fitting tribute as he said goodbye: "Sergio, my friend, you have entered the pantheon of fallen heroes that the United Nations wishes it did not have. You will shine forever among our brightest stars. May you rest in peace."

TRIBUTE TO RAY MACHT

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today to recognize the life and passing of one of my district's most prominent and accomplished ranchers. Ray Macht was a lifelong community leader in Archuleta County and is credited with founding the Archuleta County Fair. In addition to having a wealth of agricultural knowledge, Ray's reputation preceded him throughout the county as a kind and honest man. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ray for the contributions that he made to the State of Colorado.

Ray's ancestors have lived in the Pagosa Springs area since 1883, when his grandmother first brought the family across the Continental Divide. Ray stayed close to his family after graduating from Pagosa Springs High School and subsequently attending Fort Lewis College, where he met his future wife, Genelle. The two were married in 1933. Ray and Genelle maintained their involvement in the Archuleta County community by serving as 4-H leaders for 25 years, as well as serving on numerous local boards and organizations. 4-H awarded Ray their "Western Heritage" honor in 1999 in recognition of his expertise and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize the lifelong contributions that Ray Macht made to my district. Ray will be remembered for his devotion to his community, a legacy

that will live on through the Archuleta County Fair. While he will be dearly missed, we can all take solace in the knowledge that Ray's spirit lives on through those whom he has touched.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VINCENT  
A. BRUNI

**HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before the House of Representatives today to honor the life of Vincent A. Bruni. As a prominent figure within the Rochester community, Mr. Bruni shared his vision and his love for music with others for over fifty years.

Mr. Bruni, more commonly known as "Mr. B," raised the drum and bugle corps movement in North America to new and exciting levels. The Bruni name is synonymous with modern-day drum corps, in part because Mr. Bruni dedicated his life to entertaining people all over the country and all over the globe.

Always one to give back to the community, Mr. Bruni led his national and world champion Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps in local parades, winter and spring concerts, and in efforts to support high school bands and other groups throughout Western New York. As a result of the heart and soul he demonstrated and instilled in others, the Empire Statesmen became the only corps in history to win the Triple Crown: the American Legion, Drum Corps Associates, and World Show Band championship titles all in one year.

For decades, Mr. Bruni represented the City of Rochester, New York proudly with his unfaltering commitment to teaching children and adults of all ages. His lessons were not simply about music, but about what it means to work hard as a team, have pride in what you do, and how to stand tall in the face of great adversity. Musicians, performers and fans of drum corps all around the world know "Mr. B" as a man of integrity, someone that others will continue to strive to be like even now that he is gone.

Vince Bruni will be remembered as a true patriot—someone who loved serving his country as a veteran of the United States Navy, as a schoolteacher, but most importantly as an entertainer. Mr. Bruni has done Rochester and America proud, and while he will be sorely missed, he will forever be remembered by the countless people whose lives he touched over his long and distinguished career.

HONORING DONNA AND GIOVANNI  
SCALA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize two extraordinary humanitarians from my congressional district whose philanthropic efforts will ensure that hundreds of individuals and families in our Napa Valley will not go to bed hungry tonight.

On September 6th, our community will be celebrating the 10th Annual Hands Across the